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April 20th, 1915.

CANADIAN HINDU-IMPERIAL COMMITTEE:

President Falconer,
Toronto University,
Toronto.

Dear Sir:

The Canadian Hindu-Imperial Committee is glad, on the suggestion of Mr. John Firstbrook, to submit the enclosed to you because it knows of your interest in the most fateful Imperial question that confronts the Canadian people, with the earnest hope that you will join the Committee and interest others in its work.

The Committee grew naturally out of a meeting called by the Friends' Association of Toronto. It does not pretend to be more than a beginning of service, and holds itself ready to reorganize in keeping with the scope of the support which is forthcoming for the cause which is its only reason for existence.

As a meeting of the Committee is to be held at this office on Friday next, April 23rd, at 4 p.m., and we very much desire your co-operation, I shall take the liberty of telephoning you.

Yours sincerely,

(L.) L. H. Davis

Secretary.

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COURSE OF ACTION.

Resolved that, as determining its course of action, the Committee:-

(1) - accepts, as involving a high moral obligation on Canada, the pledge of Queen Victoria's proclamation of 1858, which was renewed by King Edward VII and King George V :- "We hold Ourselves bound to the natives of Our Indian territories by the same obligations of duty which bind Us to all Our other subjects."

(2) - declares its conviction that this Imperial bond necessitates the passing of Canadian immigration laws which will prevent discrimination, on racial account, against British Hindus, while caring for the established economic policy of the nation.

(3) - invites the aid of all persons and organizations concerned for the repute of Canada within the Empire in ascertaining and disseminating the facts relating to the immigration of Hindus to Canada, particularly in regard to the episode of the Komagata Maru; and in assisting the representatives of Canadian life in India to remove the danger to good feeling towards them which has recently increased.

(4) - expresses its profound admiration for the magnificent manner in which India, at her own expense, is fighting for the Empire, and its especial gratitude that, - inasmuch as the destiny of Canada is being decided in France, India sent her soldiers, notably the Sikhs, whose service during the Mutiny is imperishable, to defend Canadian freedom before Canadian soldiers could reach the front, and is prepared to send millions more, - and recognizes the cardinal importance of racial co-operation to the future of the Empire, of which so unexampled a demonstration has been given by the people of India.

(5) - conveys to the press of India, and of the Empire generally, the foregoing statement of its position as an earnest of the next most practical contribution to Imperial progress which may be made by the Canadian people.

April 22nd, 1915

Dr. L. A. Davies,

Secretary, Canadian Hindu Imperial Committee.

Dear Dr. Davies:

I am at present so much involved in other duties that I am afraid I cannot take on any further obligations at present. The whole Hindu question is of such great importance that I realise we must before long face it seriously, but engaged as I am just now I really have not the time to put any thought worth while upon it. I hope, however, that others may be able to make suggestions that will be helpful in the near future.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.